

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 6, 2008

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting – City Ride Petitions by Martha Blazeck and Steve Aguilar

Minutes:

MARTHA BLAZECK, City Trolley Driver, submitted a petition to keep her route operational and described her route to the Council. She stated that the Citizens Area Transit (CAT) and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) do not run the same routes that the City operates. MAYOR GOODMAN suggested that the drivers of the Fremont route may have caused the riders to panic and stated all City Ride routes were covered by the RTC.

VICKY TRAILER, Las Vegas resident, expressed her concerns with the suggestion to outsource janitorial work at City Hall and suggested that the outsourcing firms' employees are not screened with the same scrutiny as City employees. She pointed out that some floors have confidential information and outsourced employees would not be supervised. She stated that the day and swing shifts should not be paid differently and questioned the vehicle allowance for some Department Directors.

STEVE AGUILAR, City Trolley Driver, read and submitted a petition to save the City Ride Program. He stated that seniors and disabled passengers need the services provided by the City Ride Program and explained his route serves 11 senior complexes. He disagreed that RTC would provide same service, pointing out the RTC charges higher rates and would require a longer travel time than his route. He stressed that his passengers could transport multiple bags of groceries and could complete their trip before their meat or ice cream defrosted, something that would not be possible if they used the RTC.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that she had received numerous calls from citizens regarding the City Ride Program and agreed that the RTC does not provide this service.